

SPLENDID HOTEL SCHEME.

PROPOSITION FROM A WALL STREET BANKER.

The Plan, It Seems, is Entirely Practicable and the Necessary Money can be Raised Without any Trouble Whatever in New York.

To talk about a new hotel is not to introduce a new subject, by any means. It is an old one. It has been well ventilated and pictured in all the phases that could be drawn upon, in order to fatten public attention, but never forcibly enough to bring the hotel into existence.

It is encouraging to think of this, but disengagement ought to be booted out of the way, and it is possible that in the future it will be. Richmond cannot stand still in a measure of such magnitude. It must shut its eyes to this prime need, in its forces of material advancement.

Talk of any city that is distant, and the names of its leading hotels come to mind—no more prominent than Atlanta. If a man were to forget the name of Atlanta, he would recall the name of the Kimball House would recall it, and so of Chicago with its Palmer House, its Auditorium, and New York with its famed hotel.

It is necessary to talk about the need of a hotel. That question has been so patent that it does not bear discussion. The thing to do is to take steps to get what is wanted, and a number of fine structures have been built which end in view. These have failed. The press has done all that was expected, and echoed and repeated the wishes of the people, but all to no purpose. The reason was that the work was commenced at the centre and was lost on the limits of the circumference.

A NEW STEP.

Recently, however, a new step has been taken, one that commences on the circumference, and works back toward the centre, and if this movement is nursed, may result in an earlier realization of the benefits of a first-class hotel than has hitherto been experienced.

A gentleman of this city who possesses a public spirit, an extensive business acquaintance, and a large fortune, has recently surveyed all the probabilities of the situation. He looked back over the field where former efforts flourished for a while, and then faded, and in this review thought that he saw the light upon which that had its origin in his own mind. He addressed a letter to a well-known banking and financial house in New York, setting forth his views. He told of the need of a first-class hotel here, and pictured the possibilities of the situation. Confiding himself closely to facts, he proved that, in spite of past failures to secure a hotel of the description, that the plan was feasible, and the prospect of rich return for investment highly promising.

ENDORSED BY KINGS.

The gentleman to whom this letter was addressed is well known in the financial world, and has the endorsement of the money kings of New York. He wired his friend promptly, and his financial proposition was business and to the point. His explanation of the manner in which Wall Street would respond was clear and full of ringing truth. The full, full, full that a Richmond man was impressed with its sincerity and simplicity. He put the letter aside, and thought over it, and the more he thought of it the more convincing and clear did it become.

He addressed a letter to some of the best posted business men in the city, and their opinions agreed with his. THE TIMES man heard of the letter, called on the receiver of it, and was permitted to read it, and then it occurred to him that there was a chance to have the hotel built.

NECESSARY STEPS.

What is necessary to do, in the question, and that is easily answered, is to get out what the probable cost of the hotel will be. Do not blindly put down figures, but make out an itemized statement, so that a sufficient approximation of the money needed can be arrived at.

The next thing will be to get the Richmond man to consent to appear before the Chamber of Commerce, or a public meeting of the citizens, and get him to read the letter from the Wall-street banker, and let the made off in this letter be known.

This will prove to his influence in getting this Richmond citizen to consent to read his letter, and give the meeting the benefit of his views on this very important question. Probably when the meeting shall have heard what he has to say, and shall have listened to the terms of the scheme proposed by the Wall-street banker, the meeting will set fit to send the gentleman from Richmond to New York, there to make such contract as his wisdom may suggest.

Then it will be to get the Richmond man to a fulcrum and lever that can be used to pry upon the packets of our capitalists, and the way to building the hotel will be made smooth.

Richmond, then, cannot afford to fail in taking in one of the most important strides in progressive advancement that her history has lately known.

RAISING THE ROAD-BED.

Thirty-five Thousand Dollars will be Required for It.

The work of raising the banks along the canal between the three and five-mile locks has been commenced by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, and they propose to push it forward with vigor. This work, which is to be done in the city, or near the head of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, has to be raised, and done in such a manner as to interfere as little as possible with the movements of all trains. Sometimes, since the suit against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, the city, or agency of the railroad and reduced operating power, was settled by mutual agreement, the city agreeing to pay two-thirds of the cost of raising the canal bank, estimated at \$10,000, and the railroad company agreeing to pay the other third. The cost of raising the bank and the entire cost of raising and changing the machinery, the whole work estimated to cost \$35,500.

There being no pumps at the time, and it being necessary to keep up a full supply of water, only one set of pumps can be changed at one time, which also affords ample opportunity of overhauling the wheels, pumps, &c., and putting all in good order. It will take three to four months to complete the work, and when completed permanently it will settle all points of difference between the city and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company.

Hines Memorial Hall.

Much interest has been aroused over the advent of George Wilson's Mammoth Minstrel Show, which was held right before the Hines Memorial Hall to be built in this city in memory of the noted Python Samuel Holder Hines. A committee consisting of Messrs. J. R. Shepherd, John A. Peeler, and W. H. Clegg, to whom arrangements for the reception of a committee appointed by the Supreme Lodge of the Association who will visit the city about the latter part of September, next in the interest of the erection of the hall.

John Van Valkenburg, of Fort Madison, Iowa; Senator D. J. Turner, Jr., of Norfolk, Va.; Judge W. B. Blackwell, of Henderson, Ky.; Mr. C. T. Collier, of this city, and Mr. G. L. Foxwell, of Washington.

Charged for the Note.

Misses D. C. Collier, who is employed in one of the back-rooms of the hotel, was before the Police Court yesterday charged with insulting a young lady. On Tuesday afternoon, when she was walking on east Franklin street, when she was met by Mr. Collier, who greatly disliked her. The lady, called for assistance, the negro ran, and two small boys followed. The negro, however, was a better runner of the two, and soon outdistanced his pursuers. The police were given a description of Collier, and he was shortly after arrested.

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Political Changes.

Secretary of State of the Democratic Executive Committee, reports these changes made in Democratic county and city chairmen since July 1, 1890: Charlotte, A. S. Priddy vice B. P. Eggleston; Campbell, G. C. Crutcher vice H. Miller; Essex, Booker Green, vice T. H. Morris; Orange, Samuel N. Vinton, vice P. B. Barber; Powhatan, A. M. Howard, vice Barber; Petersburg, Richmond, J. C. Lamb, vice Jackson Guy.

In the Courts.

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Eminators' Remuneration.

Complaint has been made to the City Committee, on the remuneration of the delay in remunerating their remuneration from headquarters for their services in taking the census. One of these wrote to the Department a few days ago, and received a reply yesterday to the effect that the money would be forwarded at the earliest possible moment, but could not say definitely when.

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